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## **City Prepares for Annual Cleveland Marathon**

**CLEVELAND** – This Sunday, May 15, the annual Rite Aid Cleveland Marathon will kick-off in downtown Cleveland. The Cleveland Division of Police expects approximately 70,000 runners and spectators to take place in the festivities over the weekend and, as always, safety is our priority. The Division would like to encourage all who plan on attending the Marathon to review the following tips to ensure a seamless and positive experience.

### **Know the route**

The year's Marathon will begin at 7:00 a.m. in downtown Cleveland and continue west along Lake Avenue into Lakewood and Rocky River. [See the course map here](#) and familiarize yourself with the route if you plan to participate, watch, or travel during the duration of the event.

### **Parking and Traveling**

Parking along the race route will be prohibited until the Division of Police re-opens any closed routes. If you plan to travel close by the route on the day of the race, please expect delays and plan accordingly or utilize the [RTA](#).

### **Avoid Brining Bags and Backpacks**

Bags and backpacks are strongly discouraged at the Start/Finish areas on race day. For participants, clear gear check bags will be provided and those must be used for gear check on race day. Spectators are asked to travel lightly as well. Those with diaper bags, purses and other items should note that their bags could be searched in the vicinity of the start and finish lines. Any unattended bags are subject to search and removal from the premises.

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## **Be Safe**

Please exercise caution if you are a participant or spectator. Water will be available throughout the race at select locations. Cleveland Police and EMS will be on hand if assistance is needed. Report any suspicious activity to the authorities. If you see something say something.

Visit <http://www.clevelandmarathon.com/> for more information on the race and details regarding the day of the event.

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